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Why Not Have Y. M. C. A Here In Smethport?

A Gymnasium or a Y. M. C. A. Would be a Fitting Thing for and Would be Most Heartily Appreciated—Perhaps The Conopus Club Will Lend a Helping Hand.

There is a place vacant here in Smethport in the High School building on the top floor where a gymnasium can be fitted out and the necessary equipment secured for this project. There has been much talk at different times about a Y. M. C. A., but up until this day no immediate steps have been taken to further the proposition. Don't you think that it is high time to devote a little time to the boys and girls of this town that they may have a place to go in the long evenings and to train themselves that they can cope with the world at large the same as almost every United States is doing?

"If we could only get for our boys and girls in the country, the same advantages they have in the big city—what a wonderful bunch of men we could produce out here where the air purifies our thoughts, where Nature makes men good and kind and strong."

The Y. M. C. A. is much needed here and is facing up to a serious rural need and the thing most needed is to keep "The Boys" power in your home town, this alone is the community's greatest asset. A successful farmer was talking to a city man not long ago in one of our leading hotels and this is what the city man said. "You have almost everything here in the country that we lack. And you have all the things we have—the church, the school and all the other means of making boys of the kind that a father can be proud of. What have we that you haven't?" "Leadership," said the farmer, "our boys are all right if they have something to do. But, idle time leads to mischief and even the oldest cannot lead himself. If we only had something like a gymnasium or Y. M. C. A., our hearts would overflow with thankfulness that under such guidance our boys could enjoy their youth in a happy, clean up-building way. And the farmer was right. It has been unfair to the country to deprive them of the right kind of boy-leadership. True, city conditions needed this sort of. But, the future of America lies in the hands of the lads outside the larger cities. The only recreation that a boy gets in the country is running and getting both hands on the end of a saw-buck all day along. Much older men and women than one would ever suspect are turning part of their time in the Y. M. C. A.'s for exercise that they may be better benefited in health and in due time their muscles are strengthened and they are prepared to meet the world in any path of life and work.

It is thought by many that the Conopus Club in time will take it upon themselves, this one great task and get things started for the benefit of young America here in Smethport.

W. C. T. U. CONTEST.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. held a Mothers' meeting, and speaking contest Tuesday evening at the Baptist church. A very entertaining program was given consisting of choruses by the children, recitations, a piano duet by Eleanor McCarthy and Margaret Wyck and vocal solo by Mrs. Curt Corwin.

The children who recited were divided into two classes: Edith Gregson was awarded first prize in the first class, Florence Raymer, first prize in the second class. Following the program light refreshments were served.

DEATH OF W. B. MEANS.

W. B. Means of this place died Wednesday morning in a hospital at Warren, Pa. The body will be brought here today. The obituary will be in next week's Miner.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED IN OLEAN

Miss Hester Kerr, a former Smethport girl, who has been spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Moulton of Denver, Colorado, arrived in Olean Friday morning, and was united in marriage to Orville Halpenny of this place, Monday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev Bentley of St. Stevens' church, Olean, N. Y.

Miss Grace Kerr, sister of the bride was bridesmaid and Lawrence Moulton of Olean, cousin of the groom, was best man. The bride wore a brown suit and hat to match.

Miss Kerr is one of Smethport's most popular and attractive girls. She was formerly pianist at the Star theatre, and bookkeeper in The Miner office, and her charming manner and accomadating ways won her many friends.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Halpenny, he is a trusted employee of the Adams Express company and a very estimable young man. He also numbers his friends by the score.

The Miner unites with a host of friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

FIVE NEW HOSPITALS PROVIDED FOR SOLDIERS

Will Cost $13,000,000 and One Located Conveniently in Each Section of Country.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Pursuant to its policy of benefitting the private soldiers who served in the world war, the Republican majority in the House has passed a bill providing for additional hospital and outpatient dispensary facilities for those veterans who are patients of the War Risk Insurance Bureau or the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

Under the bill, which went through by a vote of 220 to 111, a total of $11,000,000, is authorized for the purchase or lease of existing plants, construction of new ones, and the remodelling of some plants with new equipment.

Five hospital plants of fireproof construction for the treatment of neuropsychiatric and tuberculosis patients are to be located as follows: One in Central Atlantic Coast states, one in the region of the Great Lakes, one in the Central Southwestern states, one in the Rocky Mountain states, and one in Southern California. All of them will be as convenient as possible for transportation facilities and for securing expert consulting service.

Representative Langley, of Kentucky, chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds, who favorably reported the bill called attention to the faulty methods of the present administration of the health service by which an appropriation of several millions more had been asked for because of the lack of knowledge of the fact that ten thousand vacant beds in the national soldier homes and some of the Army posts might be available for hospitalization.

"A distinguished statesman in another body has referred to this as a pork barrel bill," said Langley, "It is anything but that, and it was the express purpose of the committee to avoid that very thing. So, instead of naming the cities or states where these new hospitals should be located, as the public health service recommended, and which would have made it subject to that criticism, the bill designates certain zones within which they are to be located. The bill gives the Secretary of the Treasury the widest possible latitude in locating them. Public buildings and river and harbor improvements should wait while we take care of the hospital needs of the private soldiers who risked their lives and lost their health in making the sacrifice without which this bill might not have been of much service."

DR. B. B. WARFIELD DEAD.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 20.—Dr. Benjamin B. Warfield, professor of didactic and polemical theology at Princeton Theological Seminary since 1887, died last night. He was well known in religious and theological circles as the author of many books and treatises on these subjects. At one time he was editor of the Presbyterian and Reformed Review.—New Era Examiner.

August A. Smith Invents Patent For Tractor

THE PATENT WAS GRANTED ON JANUARY 25, 1921, AND HOLDS GOOD FOR A PERIOD OF 17 YEARS THEREAFTER, UNDER THE HAND AND SEAL OF L. E. MANN, COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Friday, August Smith brought a patent for useful improvement on draft devices for tractors, to this office, which was recently granted him from Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith is a Smethport resident who has worked for some time to perfect this device and has many friends here who wish him success and a substantial reward for his honest efforts.

This device for a tractor was given by the government from the Acting Commissioner L. D. Mann, which entitles Mr. Smith to own and possess for a duration of 17 years either to himself or to heirs or assigns—further to say to the right to make, use and vend the said invention throughout the United States and the territories thereof. The description of the machine follows:

This invention relates to an improved plow centering device for tractors being particularly designed for use in connection with tractors of the Fordson type, and has as one of its principle objects to provide a device wherein, without stopping the forward movement of the tractor, the draft upon the plow may be readily shifted.

The invention has a further object to provide a device which may be easily operated from the driver's seat of the tractor and wherein, when adjusted, the device will be always locked in adjusted position.

The invention has a still further object to provide a device wherein without regard to the adjustment of the draft upon the plow, free pivoting of the plow relative to the tractor will be permitted.

The new tractor device enables a man to straighten a crooked furrow and can easily shift the machine while in motion, or in the act of turning around without having to stop for a single moment. The shift on the new tractor has about 8 inches on either side from the center of the draft. The machine does not have to be moved while plowing on level ground, but upon a side hill or curve it is most necessary to shift the draft which also makes a perfect furrow on the side hill as well as on the level.

The way that Mr. Smith happened to make the discovery was while he was working with the tractor on a side hill one day. The time and inconvenience of changing the plow over in each furrow acquire considerable time and after careful study he figured this present device out that we have mentioned above.

He is daily receiving a communications from every state in the union in regard to the tractor.

STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYES ENJOY CHICKEN SUPPER

On last Tuesday the employes of the State Highway department had a little gathering at the Travelers' Club and enjoyed a well prepared chicken supper by Mrs. John Lindholm. Later the ladies gave the men a surprise and the evening was passed. F. R. Brennan, was Toastmaster; Solos by E. A. Morrison and Claire McCarthy, also music by Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott. Games, cards made up the rest of the evening. All of the local Highway Department was present.

ARRESTED IN PORT ALLEGANY

Mr. Erhart Erickson of Port Allegany, age 21 was arrested by Constable C. B. Dickinson, a warrant charging him with fornication on a well known Smethport girl some little time ago. He waved a hearing and was taken before Justice of the Peace, J. A. Sampson and bail was fixed at $600 which was furnished by Erickson's father.

DEATH OF FORMER SMETHPORT GIRL

Nettie Howard, a former resident of Smethport, died Wednesday, February 16th in Tulsa, Oklahoma, following an operation for appendicitis.

She was born August 31, 1897 in Ormaby, Pa. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Howard. Twelve years ago the family moved to Smethport, where Miss Howard attended the Smethport High School, from which she graduated. Later she was a student at Notre Dame University, Indiana for one year. In 1917 the family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She is survived by her father, G. W. Howard, two brothers, Harold and alph of Tulsa, Oklahoma and one sister, Mrs. L. H. Samson of Holyoke, Mass.

She was a quiet, home loving girl whose good qualities won her many friends. Her sorrowing family has the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the remains brought here and brief services were held in St. Elizabeths church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains laid to rest in Rose Hill cemtery.

THE PENNSYLPANIA FARMERS' OUTLOOK

Pennsylvania farmers, who for several years have been prevented from renewing their meadows because of the high cost of grass seed, will now be able to buy timothy and clover seed at much lower prices than in the past three years.

Indications point to a big drop in the price of all grass seeds and while growers will suffer, the big bulk of farmers who have to buy will welcome the reduction.

Clover, timothy and other seed reached prices never before recorded and farmers who have had second cutting for seed, even though the crop was not large, and under old prices would have been harvested, have found it profitable to cut it even though they threshed out only enough for their own seeding.

Indications are said to point to a 50 per cent. reduction in the price of timothy seed and that clover seed has slid about 40 per cent. Even still greater reductions will not be at all surprising, dealers say. The indicated price on timothy seed is around $5 a bushel. Alsike gives evidence of going down to $20 a bushel mammoth and red clover to $17.

While there is no law prohibiting farmers from buying the foulest and cheapest seed they can find, experts at the State College are strongly urging exercise of the greatest possible care in the purchase of seed. Cheap seed may contain much "foul stuff" and be of such low fertility as to be most expensive in the long run.

Death of Mrs. Anna Garrity.

Mrs. Anna Garity, age 78 years died Thursday morning, February 17th at 3:30.

She was survived by 9 children: Mrs. John Gahn, Mrs. J. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Con. Mullvihill, Mr. Martin Garrity, all of Johnsburg, Mrs. J. D. Esahen, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. Patrick Garrity, Jamestown, N. Y.; Mr. Jack Garrity, New Castle; Mr. James Garrity, Boemont, Texas and Mrs. John McCarthy of this place. Services were held Saturday morning at 9:30 at the Holy Rosary church. Burial was made at Johnsonburg at Wardell's cemetery.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be a union service next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Baptist church. Rev. Gregson will speak on "What is in the Woodpile." and Rev. Mack will speak on "Law Enforcement." There will be a combined choir of the two churches.

The morning service as usual at at 10:30 o'clock; Sunday School at 11:45. a. m.

Young people's circle meets Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church. Business meeting called at 8:30 sharp.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many acts of kindness during our recent bereavement.

Mr. George Howard & Family.

P. R. Station at Larabee Robbed

Some Unknown Thieves Ransacked Several Places at Larabee Last Saturday Night and Secured a Little Booty——The Safe in the Visited by the Robbers.

Last Saturday night some unknown person or persons broke into the Pennsylvania railroad station at Larabee says our correspondent and escaped with what valuables were available. They secured about $9 in cash, overlooking $1.55 which was among the tickets in the safe. The safe was broken open and left the tickets behind some timbers near the station. One mail bag was cut open and contents removed, with the exception of some newspapers. They also appropriated three boxes of cookies belonging to Mr. J. T. Johnson, which were in the freight house, and a revolver and some other articles owned by Mr. R. D. Coyle, station agent.

Mr. Leslie Coon, Pennsylvania railroad detective of Olean was in town Sunday investigating the robbery. It is reported that he obtained no clues to the guilty parties. The station is closed at night between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. Evidently the robbers knew of this and took advantage of the absence of the station officials. There was a light fall of snow Saturday night which was sufficient to obliterate their foot prints thus all trace being lost.

Further reports are that A. H. Nichols' home was robbed the same night between the same hours mentioned above while that family was absent in Olean. They came home and went to open their front door just as the robbers went out of the back door. They discovered the loss of a bracket, watch, ring and revolver.

16 INCHES OF THE BEAUTIFUL FELL

With 16 inches of snow in Sunbury says the Bradford Era and about 18 to 20 inches in the mountain districts thus completely crippling the railroads and trolley lines in that town. Great snow plows are working in an effort to get traffic open for business again. About 200 men were sent over the Sunbury road of the Pennsylvania division to assist in the work. In the vicinity of Rockglen and Mount Grove the snow is said to be two feet deep. A blizzard grips the east coast of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and some parts of Delaware. Seven inches of snow fell in Philadelphia, but there was little impairment in traffic. Incoming trains from the west, south, however, were from one to two hours late. Eight inches of snow fell in Shinglehouse last Saturday.

EVANGELIST AND SINGER.

At The Swedish Mission Church all Next Week Evangelist Meetings Will be Held.

The Rev. George Floden who has just recently arrived from Sweden to this country will be at the Swedish Mission next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, February 28 to March 3. The services will begin at 7:45 p. m. Rev. Floden is an exceptionally good singer and musician and plays on several kinds of instruments. All the Swedish people in Smethport and vicinity are heartily invited to come and hear him.

BIG DANCE AT CROSBY

There will be a dance in I. O. R. M. Hall at Crosby on Friday evening, February 25, which will be a public affair and everybody is invited to go and take a friend. The Fitzgerald's orchestra of Olean, N. Y., will furnish the music. The orchestra consists of 8 pieces and is a well known jazzy orchestra. The bill per couple will be $1.50—spectators 25c. Let's go!

RUMMAGE SALE.

The Prescilla Club will hold a rummage sale Saturday, February 26, at 10 o'clock in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church.

BIDS ON McKEAN ROADS ARE OPENED

Bradford Era: The county commissioners yesterday received notice from State Highway commissioner Sadler that bids had been opened for three roads in McKean county. The roads in question were Foster, No. 298 the Rew Hill road;) Ceres, No. 236 and the Hamlin-Keating township and Smethport borough road from Smethport to Marvin's Creek.

One fourth of the expense of the Ceres road is to be borne by the county and three-fourths by the state. The other two roads are regular state highways, none of the expense being borne by the county.

There was only one bidder for the Ceres road, George Metcalf, Jr., of Emporium, who submitted a bid of $41,994.74. There were four bidders on the Hamlin-Keating-Smethport highway the lowest being Frank L. Chno, Inc., of Buffalo, whose figure was $382,998.91. The other bidders were: Henry Schenk, of Erie, $463,694.31; Smethport Contracting company, Smethport, $484,309,48, and the Mason and Hanger company of New York, $531,448.56.

The lowest bid for the Foster township or Rew Hill highway was submitted by the R. D. Richardson Contracting company of Scranton, the figure being $119,122.88. Other bidders were: C. D. Weed, Inc., of Philadelphia, $121,817.63; Thomas W. Monroe and Company, Buffalo, $122,333.50 and the Mason and Hanger company, $130,057.50.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HELD.

Teachers' Held Meeting Which was Entertaining and Instructive.

The Teachers' Institute held [illegible] Saturday was a very interesting [illegible]. In the morning there was a [illegible] table talk between the teachers [illegible] pupils from Keating Township and Smethport Borough. The successful contestants ranked as follows: No. 3—Marion Stratton (Moore, School Keating Township. No 2—Mary Lilly bridge, Smethport Borough. No. 3.—Miss Walker, East Smethport School. The words used were those published for all spelling contests throughout the county.

In the afternoon a very delightful program was presented consisting of several musical numbers, drills by lower grade pupils, and three very able addresses in answer to the question, "Is the public school meeting the demand of the community in the various phases of community life?" Mrs. Walter Daly took this up from the standpoint of the parent, Mrs. E. A. Studholme from relation to good citizenship, and Rev. Arthur Gregson from that of the business man.

Every one present showed great interest, and all present felt the time had been profitably spent.

DEATH OF INFANT SON

On Thursday morning, February 10, 1921, at 9:30 o'clock, the death angel claimed for its own, Richard Thomas Bryan, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryan of Morris, Okla. Age 2 months and five days. Although the little fellow's health was not of the best, his death came as a great shock to his parents and friends. Mrs. Bryan was formerly Miss Blanche Oviatt of Smethport.

Oh! Richard how we miss you,
Our home is so gloomy and still;
Yet we try with tears on our lashes,
To think it was God's will.

TO HAVE FARM BUREAU

It is understood through the columns of the Johnsonburg Free Press Elk County will soon be enrolled with many other towns in this section, with a permanent organization of the Elk County Farm Bureau.

The temporary committees have taken all the elementary steps necessary to produce a county agent and a Farm Bureau, that they have power to take. The officers were drawn and a representative from the tension at State College was present.

The commissioners of Elk County have made a liberal appropriation in addition to furnishing an office in the court house.

Over 25 per cent of the working women in this country in 1910 were married and more than 15 per cent widowed or divorced.

Old Jobs are Easy With Proper Tools

There are dozens of odd jobs of farm carpenter work which can be done during the winter months if the farm has a shop equipped with a few necessary tools. Without the tools the work is almost impossible, or at least will be so tedious as to be discouraging.

The following is a complete list of tools, for farm carpentery as suggested by the New York State College at Ithaca, N. Y.

One 26-inch cross-cut saw, one, 26-inch rip saw, one jack plane, 14-inch with 2-inch cutter, one carpenters draw knife, one marking gauge, one 8-inch square, one mallet, one saw set, one set of auger bits, 4x16 to 16x16 inch inclusive, one expansion bit, one ratchet brace, two screwdrivers, one large and one small, one countersink, one steel rafter-framing square, one pair pliers, one 10-inch flat file, one auger bit file, one 8-inch triangular file, one 6-inch slim tapered triangular file, one 12-inch half-round wood file, one 8-inch oblong carborundum oil stone, one 16-ounce straight claw hammer, one 24-inch carpenters level, one putty knife, one nail set, four socket firmer chisels, ¼-inch, ½-inch, linch, 1½-inch, one 2-pound two-ounce bench hatchet, one 2-foot boxwood rule, one cross-cut saw tool, one pinch bar, one spoke shave, one screwdriver bit, one pair 8-inch wing dividers.

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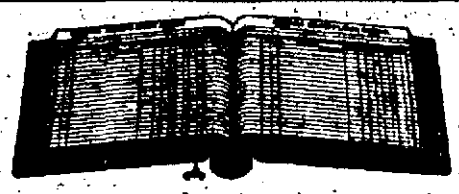

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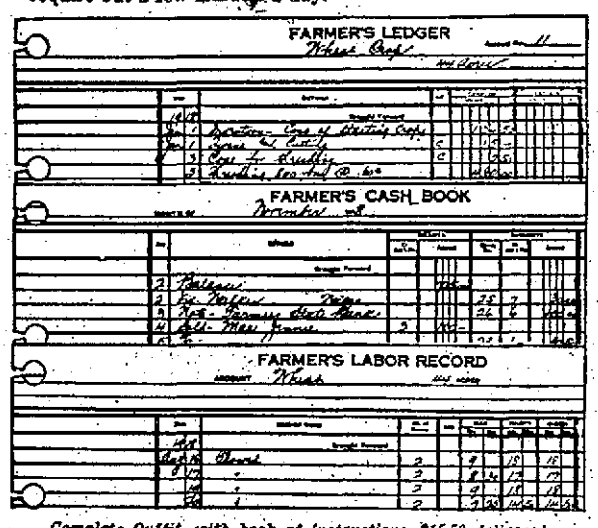

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NOTICE.

The following accounts of administrators, executors and guardians having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of February, A. D., 1921.

First and Final Account of F. M. Nash, Administrator of the Estate of Jerry Morgan, deceased.

Final Account of Hamlin Bank & Trust Company, Trustee under the last Will and Testament of Bridget Gallagher, deceased.

Final Account of Carrie T. West, Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Henry J. Brennan, deceased.

Final Account of Ralph E. Burdick, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Taylor, deceased.

First and Final Account of Margaret E. Caldwell, Administratrix of the Estate of E. R. Caldwell, deceased, who was Guardian of Alice Griffin Tucker, minor child of Dr. Griffin, deceased.

First and Final Account of Margaret E. Caldwell, Administratrix of the Estate of E. R. Caldwell, deceased, who was Guardian of Richard Griffin Tucker, minor child of Dr. Griffin Tucker, deceased.

First and Final Account of Christina Beckstrom, Administratrix of the Estate of John Beckstrom, otherwise known as John Backstrom, deceased.

First and Final Account of Zella G. Lincoln, Admtuistratrix of the Estate of W. V. Lincoln, deceased.

First and Final Account of Mariza Kilbury Quinn, Guardian of Walter Kilbury, late a minor child of D. W. Kilbury, deceased.

First and Final Account of Mariza Kilbury Quinn, Guardian of Marjory Kilbury Smith, late a minor child of D. W. Kilbury, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of D. S. Helmer, Guardian of Hazel Mowery, late a minor child of Manzon Mowery.

First and Final Account of Euphemin Brown, Administratrix of the Estate of Harvey N. Foster, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of Tony Mancuso, Administrator C. T. A. of the last Will and Testament of Louisa Mancuso, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of Frank S. Halbert, Executor of the last Will and Testament of John F. Halbert, deceased.

First and Final Account of John D. Ormsby, Administrator of the Estate of Arthur H. Ormsby, deceased.

First and Final Account of Moses R. Brumbaugh, Administrator of the Estate of George S. Stuart, deceased.

First, Final and Distribution Account of Guy H. McCoy, Administrator of the Estate of Henry Bertschinger, deceased.

First and Final Account of Emile Stenger, Guardian of Ethel Marie Archibald, late a minor child of Vincent Zentz.

First and Final Account of Martin Roberts, Executor of teh last Will and Testament of Lucy M. Roberts, deceased.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 29, 1921 — John B. Eastman, Register of Wills.

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AUCTION SALE

On Saturday, March 5th at 1 o'clock sharp, at the Geo. Iron's Farm one mile west of Smethport borough on the Mt. Alton road: 8 cows, 8 grade Durham steers and heifers, (2-year-old), 3 work horses, 35 chickens, 1 set of heavy work harness, 4 good horse collars, 3 neck yokes, 3 sets of heavy whipple trees, 2 pairs of No. 5 heavy logging sleighs, equipped with breaks, 3 wood racks, 1 wood dray, 1 heavy Cramer log wagon, one 3 3-4-in. lumber wagon with two sets of wheels, one 3 3-4-in. lumber wagon with 3 in. tire and wood rack, 1 Osborne self-binder, nearly new, one 6-foot Derring mowing machine, new last year, 1 hay tedder, plows, harrows and other farm machinery too numerous to mention; a lot of log chains and grabs, all sizes, 5 lock chains for sleighs, 1 International 10-20 Titon tractor, and gang plows, 1 new Racine thrashing machine, complete, 60-gallon gas tank, a quantity of loose hay and straw in the barn, 1 heating tank for butchering, 3 pairs of heavy horse blankets, wagons jacks, wrenches, and a lot of other good handy articles not mentioned here.

The above sale is for the purpose of settling up the estate of the late Geo. Irons, Sr.

Every article will be sold to the highest bidder and no cappers at this sale.

TERMS OF SALE: All sums under $10 cash, or over that amount, a four months' note on approved paper will be taken.

GEO. IRONS, JR.,
E. W. JONES, CLERK.

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ROAD BUILDING

CAUSE OF DAMAGE TO ROADS

Pernicious Practice of Overloading Small Trucks With Narrow Tires Is Responsible.

With the rapid increase in the number of motortrucks operated over our highways, it has been found that many of what are called "improved" roads have failed to withstand the additional traffic imposed by the new form of local freight transport. This has given rise to new problems of road construction and maintenance, and in some states has led to the enactment of laws prohibiting the use of the large capacity truck, on the assumption that it is the heavy truck that does most of the damage to the road. The first result of this legislation has been to encourage the pernicious practice of overloading, under which trucks designed to carry safely a limited weight are forced to carry a large additional load. The tires of the various sizes of truck are made of a sufficient width to prevent their breaking or cutting the road surface when loaded to their proper full capacity, but when an overload is added the tire width is necessarily too narrow, and the danger of injury to the road becomes manifest. The tire width required for certain loads has been carefully worked out after many years' experience, and most states have laws fixing the weight that is borne by an inch of tire width. In all standard types of truck the width of tire corresponds to the load that can be safely carried, and truck manufacturers warn their customers against carrying a greater weight than that for which each size of truck is designed.

The enactment of a law prohibiting the use of large capacity trucks leaves the same tonnage of freight to be moved, and with the heavy truck barred resort must be had to the smaller sizes. This means in many cases less economical and efficient service, and prompts the manufacturer or merchant to try to make up for loss in load capacity by increasing the size of the load. With this additional load the gross weight on the tire exceeds the factor of safety, and thereby increases the danger of breaking the road surface. It is self-evident that a truck designed to carry two tons with corresponding width of tires

Overloaded Truck Increases Danger of Cutting Surface of Improved Roads.

must do more damage to the road when it carries a ton or so more of load than its tires were intended for.

A striking example of the relation of overloading to impact is given in the preliminary report of the United States bureau of public roads, in which it is stated that a three-ton truck, with a load of five tons, running at a speed of 15 miles per hour over a two-inch rut, had an impact of slightly over 17 tons, while a 5½-ton truck with a load of 5½ tons, under the same conditions had an impact of only 12 tons. The fact that the overloaded truck had a heavier "unsprung" weight, that is, weight not sustained by springs, accounted to some extent for its greater impact, but there can be no question that the overloading was a material factor in causing the greatly increased wheel pressure on the road.

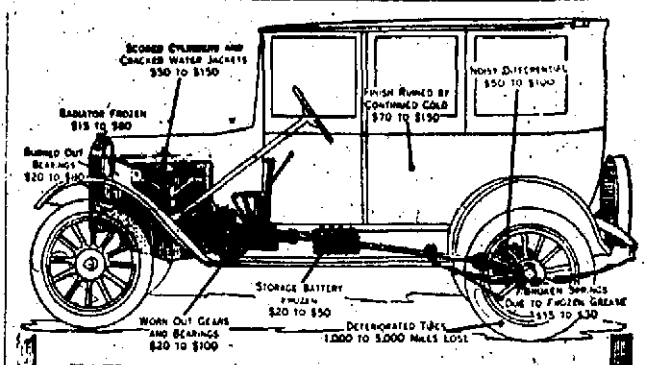
Against this danger truck owners are constantly being warned by truck manufacturers, who strongly advise that no truck should be made to carry a greater load than the weight defined by its classification. Some states have enacted laws imposing fines for truck overloading, but it will probably be found that enlightened self-interest will prove to be the best check on a practice that has been shown to be dangerous both to truck owners and drivers and the general public; and a source of injury to our roads that materially limits the benefits from the motortruck as a new agency for local freight transport.

Market Roads First.

"Transcontinental highways fill a useful place in our national life, but the really important road is the one from the farmer's gate to his market town," said President J. R. Howard of the American Farm Bureau Federation recently in addressing the National Association of Vehicle and Implement Manufacturers.

Insist on Permanent Roads.

Insist upon permanent roads in your county. They are cheaper in the long run.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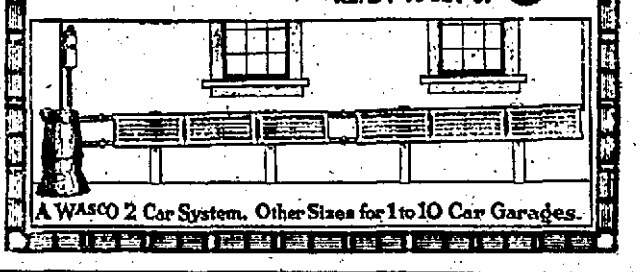

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Washington Shaft Country's Tribute to Her Great Son

The two great monuments in the United States, of the many hundreds that have been erected in all parts of our country, are the Bunker Hill monument, in Boston, dedicated in 1843, a shaft to commemorate the beginning of our fight for independence, and the Washington monument, at Washington, erected to the memory of him who had been most instrumental in bringing about the result.

For 30 years after Washington's death the project was, every now and then, suggested, but nothing definite happened until September, 1833, when the Washington National Monument Society was formed, with Chief Justice John Marshall, then 73 years old, as president. It was not until three years later that advertisements were inserted inviting designs from American artists.

An effort was made to secure the funds by popular subscription and by 1847 $87,000 was in hand and preparation for construction was begun. Congress, by resolution, granted a site where the monument now stands and the cornerstone was laid on the Fourth of July, 1848, in the presence of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government, foreign ministers and officers and a vast concourse of citizens from all parts of the Union.

The work of erection progressed steadily until 1854, when the shaft had reached a height of 156 feet and had cost $300,000. The treasury of the society now being exhausted, a memorial was presented to congress asking it to take action in the matter. Politics in the government prevented a ready response and it was not until 1859 that the society was given a formal charter.

The Washington monument was finally finished in the winter of 1884-85, and it was decided to dedicate it upon the anniversary of the birth of the man to whom it had been erected. Consequently, on February 22, 1885, there were impressive ceremonies at the national capital, when the monument was turned over to the nation.

The formal presentation of the monument was made at the base of the grand obelisk, but owing to the raw, cold weather that existed the dedication ceremonies proper took place in the hall of the house of representatives.

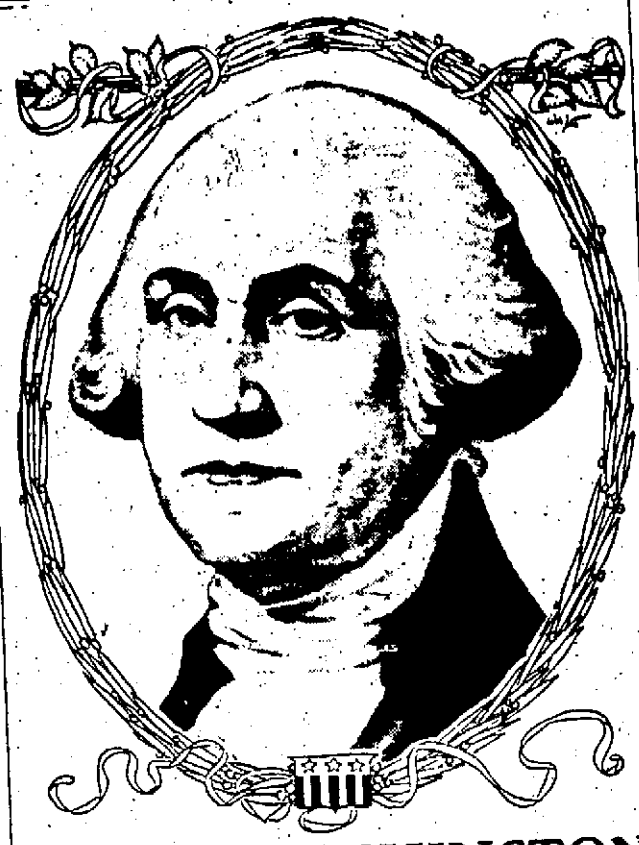
Washington Monument, the City's Focusing Point, Is No Less a Profound Enigma Than the Sphinx, but of Greater Significance.

Washington Monument in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

Washington's Inauguration as the First Chief Executive

George Washington was inaugurated first President of the United States April 30, 1789, in New York city, which at that time was the federal capital. During the ceremonies, the chancellor administered the oath with great deliberation and emphasis, after which Washington bowed down, seized the Bible, kissed it, and exclaimed with closed eyes and much devotion: "I swear; so help me God!"

Thereupon the chancellor declared, "It is done," and turning to the crowd exclaimed: "Long live George Washington, President of the United States!" The last named declaration on the part of the chancellor was in imitation of monarchical custom. The error of this practice was, however, soon exposed and abandoned, but at the time the crowd thought of nothing but the exciting solemnity of the scene, and many who demonstratively waved their hats were too overcome by emotion to join in the huzzas.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

"First in war and first in peace"—
With love we speak of him again
Whose praises with the years increase—
"And first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Washington Resigning Command of the Army

December 23, 1783, George Washington resigned his commission as commander in chief of the army, and retired to private life. During the five years following the close of his military career he found sufficient occupation in attending to the affairs of his homestead and property and in fostering the progress of his native state. He greatly helped, by his correspondence, to bring the leading men of the country to a determination to form a more perfect union. He was president of the Philadelphia convention of 1787, which framed the Constitution of the United States. Washington was unanimously chosen the first President of the United States, and on April 30, 1789, took the oath of office in New York, where congress was then sitting. At the close of his term of office he was re-elected unanimously; and on March 4, 1793, took the oath of office for the second time.

Lesson in Honors to Founders of Nation

It is always fitting that Washington's birthday should be made a special occasion for impressing on all just what his achievements and those of his associates who established the government of the United States and founded a nation really mean. While there has never been any lack of enthusiasm over the man who was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, it is well that the full significance of what clusters about the name and fame of Washington shall be set out beyond all peradventure.

It is not only the uninformed alien who fails to understand our debt to the past, so, despite the highly intelligent and intensive efforts of the public schools to deal with Washington as the great national hero, the extraordinary nature of the government of a people and by a people and for a people which his efforts set up cannot be too emphatically described, since we all tend to get rusty on historic facts, and altogether too many forget that blatant idealistic reformers the world over today are claiming as freshly discovered panaceas some of the simplest practices laid down by the forefathers in the Mayflower, again in 1776, and finally in the Constitution of 1787. That the forefathers, with Washington and Jefferson and Lee in the lead in the constructive period of the Revolution, proved to be practical men, as well as idealists believing in certain great principles that lie at the base of human freedom, and established human liberty under conditions that protected each from the other, obliterating class distinctions, is not the least thing to their credit.

As pulpit and platform draw the lessons from what the past affords in the way of men and principles as exemplars for all time, it will be the part of wisdom if the simple, undisputed facts as to what this great experiment did set out to do and has accomplished be brought home to all. For after all it is the overwhelming actualities of a free government maintained by a free people that gives the luster to the name of Washington as the father and founder and justifies all that the most extravagant eulogy may pronounce as to his claims to an affectionate immortality.

His Fondness for Children.

While Washington had no children of his own, he was blessed with many nephews and nieces, who, looking up to him as the head of the family, received many favors from his hand. His sister Betty, Mrs. Fielding Lewis, had several boys, Washington, when nineteen, standing godfather to the eldest. Two of her boys, Howell and Lawrence, made their home with their famous uncle at Mount Vernon at different times. Another nephew, Bushrod, a son of Washington's brother, John Augustine, was an especial favorite. His career as a lawyer was helped by Washington, who followed it with the greatest pride and interest, and frequently consulted him on legal matters. The Mount Vernon mansion, its library and private papers and 4,000 acres were left to this nephew.

Of his brother Samuel's children Washington helped educate the three boys, and gave their sister Harriet a home under his own roof for nine years.—H. A. Ogden in St. Nicholas.

Spirit That Won Freedom.

Let's try to learn, above everything else, how to fight, be beaten, fight again, and keep at it until at last we win.—George Washington.

Remarkable Honors Paid Washington on His Inaugural Trip

At the time he was unanimously elected President, Washington was the idol of his country, and his name and fame were known to the entire civilized world. His trip from his beautiful home on the Potomac was interrupted by receptions, fetes, addresses and dinners. Every person who was able to reach the roads along which he was to pass, or the cities selected as stations on his slow journey northward, joined the throngs that made his trip the most triumphal procession this continent had witnessed. To those thousands who lined the roads from Virginia to New York, the great, serious figure of the "Father of his Country" was the center of all their national hopes.

On April 6, 1789, both houses of congress met in New York city, at the time the capital, and elected George Washington President of the United States. No other name had been proposed. For Vice President there were eleven nominations, John Adams receiving the highest vote—thirty-four—was announced elected. Washington received sixty-nine votes. As soon as it could be arranged, Charles Thomson, secretary of congress, was dispatched to Mount Vernon to apprise General Washington of his election. Thomson, who had been secretary of the continental congress, reached Washington's home on April 14, between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning. The master of Mount Vernon was making his usual tour of his farms and Mrs. Washington entertained the messenger of the congress.

Before sunrise on the morning of April 16 a messenger had come from Alexandria with an invitation to a public dinner there, and in his diary for the day Washington wrote:

"About 10 o'clock I bade adieu to Mount Vernon, to private life, and to domestic felicity, and with a mind oppressed with more anxious and painful sensations than I have words to express, set out for New York, in company with Mr. Thomson and Colonel Humphreys, with the best disposition to render service to my country in obedience to its call, but with less hope of answering its expectations."

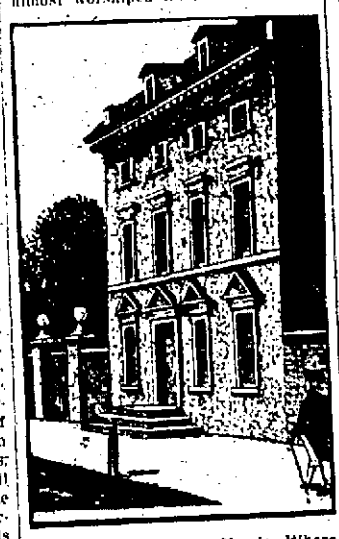
Of Washington's reception in Philadelphia a chronicler of the day wrote:

Old City Tavern, Philadelphia.

"Thousands of freemen, whose hearts burned with patriotic fire, fell into the ranks almost every square we marched, until the column swelled beyond credibility itself and, having conducted the man of our hearts to the City tavern; he was introduced to a very grand and plentiful banquet, which was prepared for him by the citizens. At dinner thirteen patriotic toasts were drank."

The night of the 20th the President spent as the guest of Robert Morris, then one of the senators of Pennsylvania, and better known as the financial genius of the country, having founded its first bank and financed the cause of liberty at a time when the outlook was chilling.

The trip through New Jersey was continued through Princeton, New Brunswick and Elizabeth, where Washington boarded a barge and was rowed to New York. Flags and floral decorations marked each step; everywhere he went Washington heard shouts for a conqueror's ears. He was hailed as a deliverer and acclaimed as a deity, but throughout all the heartfelt adulation paid him by those who almost worshiped him, the greatness



The Home of Robert Morris, Where Washington Spent the Night of April 20, 1789.

of the man was revealed by his artless modesty, his composure and his graceful, tactful acceptance of the honors paid him.

Washington arrived in Elizabeth on April 23, just a week from the day he set out from Mount Vernon. A "propitious gale" was blowing when the party set out across Newark bay for New York. A barge, built for the purpose, and rowed by "twelve old captains of vessels who had retired from business," conveyed the President and party. The oarsmen wore white shirts adorned with ribbons. One after another vessels fell into line behind them and by the time they were nearing the Battery there was a small flotilla. Every ship and sloop bore a holiday appearance save one, a Spanish vessel. It was with some concern the committee noted its solemn aspect. They feared some discourtesy, but, as the barge approached, its captain gave a signal at which flags of all nations were burst into view, and from its battery a salute of thirteen guns was fired.

A large sloop joined the procession off Bedloe's island, and as it neared the barge the party of ladies and gentlemen aboard her sang an "eloquent ode appropriate to the occasion and set to the music of 'God Save the King.'" The wharves from the Battery to Wall street ferry, where the landing was made, were filled with welcoming boats. Boudinot estimated their number as tens of thousands. The ferry stairs were carpeted and the railings covered with crimson hangings. The President, preceded by the committee, was received on the landing by Governor Clinton and some of the foremost citizens. The streets were so blocked with eager citizens that it was half an hour before the committee could fulfill its commission by escorting their eminent charge to the house prepared for his reception.

Washington Type of Highest Citizenship

In the formal observance of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, it is well to pause to reflect upon the character of the man to whom the American people owe the utmost debt of gratitude. His services were rendered in the supreme hour of trial and in the dark days of national birth. As soldier and as statesman Washington stood supremely the leader of the people.

Putting aside all speculation as to what Washington would have done in this or in that specific situation of modern days, it can and should always be borne in mind that he would assuredly have been for a strong government, for the highest type of citizenship, for a devotion to a single allegiance, and for the broadest possible spread of education. He could not have favored or fostered a spirit of revolt against the established institutions, save by the legal and definitely appointed means. He had rebelled against the tyranny of British rule. He had led the American colonists into a victorious independence. But he could never have sustained a movement of mere dissent, conducted outside the pale of law or employing the weapons of sedition.

George Washington was a patriot in the truest sense, true to his convictions, true to the institutions that had been set up here in substitution for the colonial administration which offended the sense of justice even of Britons of that day. He guided the new government capably, without a chart, finding the way carefully and sagaciously. He felt that though this new government had been set up in revolt, it must be conducted in a spirit of universal acceptance by the people of the principles that had been adopted as its foundation.

There is no support for the radicals of today in the fact that George Washington was a rebel against the rule of King George. His example will never serve to justify sedition or intrigue or selfish class alignments seeking to overturn that which has been reared through nearly a century and a half of painstaking, consistent development based upon the principle of the general welfare and the co-operation of all the people.

WASHINGTON IN PRIVATE LIFE

Gladly Gave Up High Estate for the More Tranquil Pleasures of Mount Vernon.

Returning to Mount Vernon after the surrender of Cornwallis, George Washington wrote to Lafayette.

"I have become a private citizen on the banks of the Potomac in the shadow of my own vine and my own fig tree, free from the bustle of camp, and the busy scenes of public life. I am solacing myself with those tranquil enjoyments, of which the soldier, who is ever in pursuit of fame—the statesman, whose watchful days and sleepless nights are spent in devising schemes to promote the welfare of his own, perhaps the ruin of other countries, as if the globe was insufficient for us all, and the courtier, who is always watching the countenance of his prince in the hopes of catching a gracious smile—can have very little conception. I have not only retired from all public employment, but am retiring within myself, and shall be able to view the solitary walk, and tread the paths of private life, with heartfelt satisfaction. Envious of none, I am determined to be pleased with all, and this, my dear friend, being the order of my march, I will move gently down the stream of life."

Ancestral Home in English County of "Hero of Two Worlds"

In the village of Sulgrave, Eng., in the heart of the Northamptonshire lanes, is still to be seen the manor house in which, until 1606, there lived the family of Laurence Washington, whose great-great-grandson, finding his way to Virginia in 1657, was to become the great-grandfather of George Washington, the first President of the United States. Carved in the corner of the stone lintel of this manor house is to be seen the Washington Stars and Stripes.

It was this great descendant's stroke for liberty that drew from the English statesman, Chatham, the whole-hearted declaration: "If I were an American as I am an Englishman, while a foreign troop was landed in my country, I never would lay down my arms—never, never, never." Chatham did not stand alone; with him being Pitt and Shelburne, all of whom saw that the threatened liberties of England could be saved in Washington's birthday.

Washington won for himself the title of "The Hero of Two Worlds," as a result of the victory of the British democrats who fought for more liberty under the rule of the king, made effective by Washington's successes. The title was bestowed upon him by Thomas Carlyle, who also nicknamed him "Scipio Americanus" and "Cromwell-Grandison," the latter title being given him because, like Cromwell, he fought to crush the pretense of a king.

The house, in Northamptonshire, England, was built before the domesday survey, and came into the possession of the Washington family in 1564. In 1914 the mansion, home of the ancestors of George Washington was bought by the British Peace Centenary

Main Entrance to Old Sulgrave Manor House.

committee in celebration of the one hundred years' peace between England and America. A committee of the Sulgrave society met in Manchester to raise an endowment fund for repairs and furniture. Toward this the Sulgrave Institute of America contributed $50,000; $25,000 was raised in London, and Manchester furnished the balance of $50,000. Among the subscriptions was $2,500 from the Stars and Stripes Women's club in Manchester, collected as a memorial to the American soldiers who died in the city.—Detroit News.

WASHINGTON.

Dust of the gray years cannot dim thy name,
Nor changes chill thy country's pride in thee;
Thou art as some bright fire that steadily
Burns high above the little crackling flame
That lesser men may kindle, dreaming fame
Is one with party's brief idolatry.
On the low altars of humanity
Glory is quenched by the first breath of blame.

While the lop's heart glowed with a living heat
The fabled Meleager knew not death,
But when it cooled his own must cease to beat—
He to the envious gods must yield his breath;
But children's children keep alive for thee
The brand their sires' love kindled reverently.
—Frances Beers in New York Sun.

Statue of George Washington in Union Square, New York.

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EDITORIAL.

WORRY.

There is no more noxious weed in the garden of life than worry. The worry habit is especially characteristic of our own land today. We attempt to excuse the strain and rush and fever and fret by laying it to the compulsion of the competitive struggle for a living. As if it were reasonable or sensible to poison ourselves and our friends in order to live. Worry is the cause of all the so-called deaths from "heart disease." It is the cause of ten-tenths of the deaths from consumption. It slays thousands of victims to whom it has made life an agony and death a relief —worry. It is always present as an important factor in the deaths from a "complication of diseases," for its nature is to make bad worse and confusion worse confounded. Its name is "legion."

The sometimes vargaries of legal procedure is thus taken off by an exchange: The evidence had shown that the brick which a careless workman had dropped from a scaffolding 20 feet above the surface of the ground had fallen on a man's shoulder and broke a bone, but the jury decided that the victim had no cause of action—the falling of a brick had no necessary connection with the accident. "Gentlemen," said the judge, "I never heard of such a verdict. You utterly ignore the existence of the law of gravitation." "The law, your honor, answered the foreman of the jury," is so old that we decided not to consider it. It's obsolete."—Exchange.

WHAT OF THE COUNTRY?

The Republican party can stand the Democratic blockade of essential legislation. March 4th is not long away, and an extra session of Congress is in the offing, with an overwhelming epublican majority in power. The question is in power. The question try stand the delay? Ever since the armistice the Democrats have fought against the program of reconstruction with every means in their power, and we are still technically at war with dilatory tactics they attribute to the nation us a whole a shorter memory than has ever been evidenced by a Democratic campaign promise and its subsequent repudiation.

"Daylight Saving" Again.

With the approach of or not to renew the daylight saving practice again acutely discussed and agitated in the newspapers, and is receiving the attention of numerous municipal and State governmental authorities. There is a pretty sure prospect of the new rule being put into effect again in some places, and a certainty of its not being adopted elsewhere; unless in the quite unlooked-for contingency of Congressional action which would make the system uniform throughout the country. There is thus danger of a degree of confusion and annoyance similar to that which prevailed last year.

We are quite ready to concede that there is something to be said against as well as for the daylight-saving system. That there is much to be said for it is indisputable. It is a matter of great convinence to multitudes of people. It effects enormous savings in dollars and cents. Perhaps there is as much to be said against it, though we have not yet been convinced of the fact.

But what is quite certain is that there should be uniformity. Either there should not be day-light - saving throughout the whole country. The reckoning of time should be as uniform and as authorities as the reckoning of money. In an earlier day the value of money was far from uniform. The value of a bank note varied according to its distance from the bank of issue. The traveller setting out on a journey knew that his dollar, which was worth a hundred cents at home, would be worth only ninety—cents a Squedunk Centre, only eighty at Tincupville, and perhaps fall to seventy by the time remote Wayback was reached. We have corrected all that with our National banking system. We need to effect the other reform through a national system of time; so that the traveller will not have to set his watch back an hour at Pinfeather, forward again at Hardscrabble, and back again at Calamity Cross Roads. Such a reform and such uniformity can be established only through action of the National lawmakers.

It has indeed been contended, and not without force and plausibility, that Congress is invested with authority over the matter by that clause of the Constitution which gives to it power to "fix the standards of weights and measures." The argument is that legislation for daylight-saving does in effect provide for the measurement of time, by prescribing—from what fixed point the hours of the day shall be reckoned. Nor is the argument without force that additional authority to the same effect is given in the at least to the extent of prescribing the time-systems of railroads engaged in interstate commerce.

Apart from and above all such technicalities, however, the propriety of Congressional action rests upon the principle of commonsense, that time should be uniformly reckoned. To this we may add that the system by which it is reckoned should be permanent. That the determination should be made with much circumspection and deliberation, there can be no question. Congress would do well to have the subject carenation-wide canvass.

Only 10 days more!

UNEQUALED SO-COLLED JUSTICE

The newspapers one day last week published curious examples of the manner justice is administered in that city. It was stated in one case that a stock broker, who found himself in a tight place by a turn of the market, stole $100,000. The judge sentenced him to not less than three years and nine months, and not more than eight years and nine months in the state prison. Just how many years such a sentence is we do not know, but that does not matter, but the day before he was to be sentenced the judge received half a hundred letters from prominent fellow-workers, asking for a clemency for the thief, who they declared, was a good fellow, and they had always known him as an honest man, only "another unfortunate swallowed up in the malestrom of stock speculation." Another said he did not believe him a criminal at heart; another that "he only stole to make good his obligation on the stock market," and so on to the end. The prisoner had pleaded guilty to the indictment.

Now for the other case. This man forced his way into a house in Madison avenue and was caught ransacking a desk, when the owner a woman, came along and surprised him. She gave an alarm and the fellow was captured. All the booty he had secured was twelve two-cent stamps. Of course he was hailed into court, tried, and, as he had no friend to intercede for him, he was sentenced to ten years in the state prison at Sing Sing. These two cases afford about as fine samples of New York justice as we have ever seen or read about. Man who steals $100,000 gets an indefinite sentence of perhaps three or four years, while and unfortunate man, whose necessities compelled him to steal twenty-four cents worth of postage stamps, is sent to jail for ten years. Perhaps, a more unequal case of so-called justice was never before recorded in the same city on the same day. No wonder so many people think things in this old world of ours are not as well regulated as they might be.

Glycerine Explosion

DEMOLISHES PRINGLE MAGAZINE IN HARRISBURG RUN MONDAY MORNING—PROWLER BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE BUT IF SO TRUTH MAY NEVER BE KNOWN—WINDOWS BROKEN BY CONCUSSION.

A magazine containing 200 quarts of nitro glycerine owned by the Pringle Powder company at Little Harrisburg Run, exploded at 1:05 o'clock Monday morning. It is believed that the blast may have ben caused by some "yegg" seeking to force an entrance into the magazine for the purpose of obtaining explosive. Whether this theory is correct can be ascertained only after a close and careful search of the surrounding territory. For the force of the blast was sufficient to blow any person or thing in the immediate vicinity to almost infinitesmal bits.

The magazne "let go" with a terrible blast that smashed windows for a mile or more around. The two nearest houses, standing about 1,500 feet away, were the principal sufferers, of course. One of these, owned by George Ward, was badly damaged, every window being smashed, all the doors being blown in, and pictures being jarred from the wall. The other dwelling owned by Walter Ledebur, suffered less severely, the damage being confined mainly to broken windows. Windows also were broken in many houses throughout Derrick City.

The explosion shook buildings and rattled windows in Bradford, and aroused much excitement in the city.

Robert Pringle, head of the Pringle Powder company, in response to queries from The Era, stated that he could find no explanation of the blast other than the possibly of someone seeking to force an intrance to the magazine. Two of his men visited the magazine between 12 and 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, he said, and found everything all right. The temperature of the plant, which is steam-heated, then stood at 75 degrees, the men told Mr. Pringle.

Mr. Pringle said that the steam-heating plant was operated by gas, but that it was in a separate building, and that no gas entered the magazine proper.

"It looks as though the only way the explosion could have been started," said Mr. Pringle, "was by someone trying to break in. If that was the case, I doubt that we will find any trace of the poor fellow who started it."

THE RAILROAD PAYMENTS

Washington, Feb. 23.—Commenting on the fact that the Wilson administration has refused to make part payments on the claims of the railroads for compensation under the terms of government possession and operattion, the Republican Publicity Association, through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., says:

"The reason given by the treasury department is that the administration does not wish to pay by piecemeal but wants to wait until each road has presented its claims in full. Manifestly the plan of the administration is unreasonable, for there are a multitude of different items in claims that will be made under the regulations, and no road desire to disclaim further demands by presenting a final statement before all the facts are known.

"While the roads were in the hands of Mr. McAdoo numerous damage claims and other liabilities were incurred, which the government did not liquidate though it assumed the obligation. These the roads must pay, and will be entitled to recover from the government, which was in control during the time the debt was incurred. Many other claims are still indefinite in nature.

Blacksmiths suffer from paralysis of the entire right side, due to the continued shock of hammering, and their eyes become weak from the glare of their forge fires.

LITTLE - - THOUGHTLETS

SAD.
The saddest words,
Of tongue or pen
Are these: "Great Scott,
I'm stung again!"

Charity that begins at home never gets any further.

Buffalo has a school for nursery maids. Wonder if it is located in a Teddy bear factory.

A young man came rushing into this emporium of news yesterday, yelling, "I'm looking for trouble." The "devil" handed him the dictionary.

"Most girls, I have found, don't appreciate music," complained a sentimental young man of the town of Smethport. "You may pick ravishing strains on a mandolin for an hour, and they won't even look or think of music; but let some chap drive up and honk his horn just once—and out she comes!

If you don't feel just right,
If you can't sleep at night,
If you moan and sigh.
If your throat is dry,
If you can't smoke or drink,
If your grub tastes like ink,
If your heart doesn't beat,
If you've got cold feet,
If your head's in a whirl—
Why don't you marry the girl?

Selected Verses

THE SPOILER

With a twinkle in his eye
He'd come gayly walkin' by
An' he'd whistle to the children
An' he'd beckon 'em to come,
Then he'd chuckle low an' say,
"Come along, I'm on my way,
An' it's I that need your company
To buy a little gum."

When his merry call they'd hear,
All the children, far an' near,
Would come flyin' from the gardens
Like the chickens after wheat,
When we'd shake our heads an' say:
"No. You mustn't go today!"
He'd beg to let him have 'em
In a pack about his feet.

Oh, he spoiled 'em, one and all,
There was not a youngster small
But was over-fed on candy
An' was stuffed with lollypops,
An' I think his greatest joy
Was to get some girl or boy
An' bring 'em to their parents
All besmeared by chocolate drops.

Now the children's hearts are sore
For he comes to them no more,
And no more to them he whistles
And no more for them he stops;
But in Paradise, I think,
With his chuckle and his wink
He is leading little angels
To the heavenly candy shops.

USED CARS

Now is the time to buy your used car. If you are mechanically inclined you have the winter season at your disposal in which to become acquainted with it, polish it up, equip it with the little features you would like your car to have and be ready when spring comes, to start a season's motoring with a knowledge of your car and pride in it's appearance. We have a few good, small used cars on hand. Will gladly demonstrate. Easy terms of payment.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Spring Song.

First you get a snow storm,
Then you get a freeze,
With all the little icicles
Hanging from the trees.
Then a thaw is started,
Then you get a flood.
Sing a song of springtime—
Then you get the mud.
Don't forget your rubbers,
Coats and overshoes
As you trip along your way
Through the slush and ooze.
How the sylvan zephyrs
Stir the lazy blood—
Sing a song of Springtime
While plodding through the mud!
—[Wasnington Star.

If your aim is for quality and big value, we ask you to read Monheimer's advertisement in today's Miner.

Some of the youngsters in town have already tapped their maple trees, and have found the sugar made from the sap to be excellent.

Coming Tuesday, March 1st, one of the famous Bill Hart pictures, "Money Carrol."

If you have any Liberty Bonds which you wish to exchange for permanent bonds bring them to the Graneg National Bank.

Smethport seems to be fortunte in escaping storms, this today being the first real heavy storm of the season. The heavy snows that gripped the east, we escaped anyhow.

There will be a big dance at Crosby on February 25th. Fitzgerald's orchestra will furnish music.

"Me thinks" the Mumps have passed the crics and the schools will not be closed.

Colonial Day at the Travelers' Club March 5, promises to be very interesting.

The Junior St. Andrews Boys Club hold a meeting Monday evening at 7 o'clock in St. Lukes Parish House.

Order "Good housekeeping" now before the club rates are with drawn.

See Mrs. H. L. Backus for low prices on magazines.

See May Allison in her latest picture, "The Marriage of William Ashe" taken from Mrs. Humphrey Ward's novel of the same name, at the Star Theatre, Friday February 25th.

PERSONAL NEWS.

—Miss Vera Jones spent the week end in Ormsby.

—Mrs. R. E. Burdick is much improved at tais writing.

—Taylor Studholme was ill for several days last week.

—Letty Moore was in Port Allegany shopping Tuesday.

—Beatrice Munn was ill for a few days last week.

—Mrs. Mary Bosworth left Thursday for New York City.

—Mrs. Julia O'Brien is very ill at her son's home.

—Lawrence Moulton of Olean is spending a few days guest of friends in this place.

—Frank McCarthy is confined to his home by illness.

—August Smith was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

—Bernard Garlick, Jr., was ill the first of the week.

—Mr. Orville Halpenny was an Olean visitor Thursday.

—Mrs. Bernard Ball was an Olean visitor Thursday.

—Mrs. Alford Bush was a Bradford visitor Wednesday.

—Miss Betrice Terry was a Bradford visitor Wednesday.

—Miss Gladys Dehass spent the week end in Harrisburg.

—Miss Albertha Studverent was an Olean visitor Friday.

—Arthur Mahoney of Ormsby was a Smethport visitor Thursday.

—Miss Carrie Natello spent Tuesday at her home in this place.

—Edmund and Virginia Hungiville have been ill for the past week.

—Mrs. Clair White is in Buffalo, visiting her son, Ralph and family.

—Miss Elizabeth Geary was confined to her home by illness Wednesday.

—Misses Alma and Alvera Hector entertained the K. B. C. Club Wednesday.

—Miss Chole Lyle entertained The Cononade Camp Fire class Tuesday evening.

—Miss Anna Clark was confined to her home by illness a few days last week.

—Oscar Sandstrom of Mt. Jewett spent the week-end guest of friends in this place.

—Elsie Johnson, who has been very ill, is much improved at this writing.

—Mrs. Mary Boyer was in Bradford Thursday to visit her daughter, Rena who is a patient of the Bradford Hospital. Friends of Miss Boyer's will be glad to hear she is improving.

—Carl Carlson who has been a patient of the S. W. Hospital, Washington D. C. returned to Smethport Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reddield left Thursday night for a trip to New York City.

—Mr. Clyde Thomas of Emporium is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. G. German and family.

—Mr. A. W. Colegrove who has been ill some time, is slightly improved.

—Mr. B. T. Garlick who has had a severe attack of rheumatism, is much improved at this writing.

—Mrs. H. L. McCoy is spending a week or two with her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Baker of Erie, Pa.

—A number of friends surprised Miss Lucy Moore with a surprise party Tuesday evening.

—Messrs. B. Carlson, John McNalty, Don Nelson of Port Allegany were Smethport visitors Saturday.

—Miss Ruth McCarthy who teaches in Pittsburg is spending a few days at her home in this place.

—Mr. Burns Burmester of Eldred attended the banquet given by the State Highway Tuesday evening.

—John Carpenter of Olean is spending a few days guest of Br. and Mrs. F. J. Nichols and family.

—Mr. Bernard Garlick has gone to Erie, Pa., where he is looking after his business—Caloric furnances.

—Mrs. Lelile Colegrove has recovered from her recent illness, which is pleasing news to her many friends.

—Mrs. Sue Burdick who has been spending a month in Harrisburg returned to her home in this place Wednesday.

—Miss Crystal Comes left Saturday for Sharpsville where she will spend two weeks guest of Mrs. George Woods.

—Brother Gouverneur of St. Barnabas Home will speak in St. Luke's church Sunday, February 27, morning and evening.

—The Knitting Club met Tuesday evening at Mrs. H. C. Wells, and celebrated Mrs. Frank Potter's birthday.

—Mr. Rossiter of New York City, was in town several days last week, rebuilding the Linotype machine in The Miner office.

—Mrs. W. E. Van Dyke is making satisfactory improvement. We hope she will soon be able to visit among her friends.

—Mr. E. A. Studholme visited Port Allegany, Tuesday February 22, in the interest of the Smethport Creamery company.

—Mr. F. J. Nichols was confined to his home by illness a few days last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green returned Saturday from Batavia, N. Y., where they have been visiting their son, Paul and wife.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward of Row City a baby girl Feb. 21. Mrs. Ward was formerly Miss Pearl Ness of this place.

—Miss Mary McCarthy was called to Johnsonburg Friday on account of the death of her grandmother Mrs. Garity of that place.

—Miss Gertude McCarthy has returned to Carnegie Pa. after spending two weeks vacation at her home in this place.

—Sadie Barber, a niece of Mrs. J. E. Walker and Mrs. T. W. Camp, was operated upon Monday for appendicitis in the hospital at New Castle, Pa. Miss Barber, is well known here.

—Fred Milroy was called to Wilcox Tuesday morning, by the serious illness of his wife, who has been visiting her parents at that place.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Choate and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Morrison went to Buffalo, Wednesday to be gone several days.

—Rev. E. H. Edson of North East Pa., has resigned from the parish and will have a Mission at Brookville, Pa. Mr. Edson seems especially fitted for Missionary work.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell left home Tuesday morning for Bogalusa. They will meet the Hon. Arthur Mitchell and spend a month togather.

—Mr. Frank Bloomster of Crosby was a pleasant caller at this office Friday. Mr. Bloomster is an old subscriber and we are always glad to see him.

—Mrs. L. H. Samson of Holyoke, Mass., was called here Friday by the news of the death of her sister, Nettie Howard, whose remains were brought here Monday for burial. She is staying with Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

—Rev. William E. Van Dyke is looking over the new work to which he has been called. Tuesday morning he left home for Belmont, Angelica and Belvidere, N. Y. Mr. Van Dyke has not as yet decided to take charge of the work in Allegany county.

—Miss Hazed Fisher spent the week end in Clermont guest of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Casey.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. German were in Buffalo this week.

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—Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett is visiting her father, H. M. Choate and her sister, Miss Mae Shoate.

—The children who spoke in the contest Tuesday evening at the Baptist church were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Neal Gleason at her home on Green street.

—Donald Hogarth went to Olean Friday afternoon, and was operated upon by Dr. Tendolph for removal of adenoids and tonsils. Following the operation. Mr. Hogarth had a hemmorage, but at present is much improved.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bouton left Tuesday for Buffalo N. Y. where Mr. Bouton will enter The Buffalo General Hospital, where he will undergo an operation on his spine. His many friends will hope this will be successful.

—Miss Clara Kessler fell on Saturday cutting her hand quite badly. Dr. Hamilton sewed up the wound, and now Miss Clara finds a sling very useful.

—On Saturday last Mrs. Hannah Hamlin celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday in a quiet way. No invitations were issued, but many neighbors and friends called during the day and evening. They enjoyed drinking the health of Mrs. Hamlin with a cup of delicious tea, and all the nice little cakes and Valentine hearts that go so well with tea. Many beautiful flowers, cards and gifts were received by Mrs. Hamlin. What a joy to see one go toward the sunset of life with so much love and interest in everything and every one about them. May all the good wishes that came her way, follow her for many years to come.

BASKETBALL NOTES

BUCKTAILS 23; CUPIDS 28

Just right here we are going to try and explain this big game of basketball played last Wednesday night between the two town factions of basketball tossers of which both sides laid claims to championship honors at the Lyceum. It was a game from the beginning to the very end. The score for the first few minutes of play was rather thought to be one-sided but it took the Bucktails but little time to overtake the Cupids and tie up the score 13 to 13. From this point was one supreme struggle with every man on both sides playing his utmost for advantage which did not come—any one could notice that the game belonged to any one and the tables could be turned at any point most. It was a game with heart disease written all over it and it was noticed that one man had almost chewed his neck-tie into smitherns in his anxiety in watching the rapd movements of the ball from one angle to another—some called for water, while others said "come on Bucktails," and "knock 'em dead Cupids," but each cheer was in good fun and spirit and was enjoyed by a large crowd who came to see fair play and play it was, only, a little mite ruff in places due to the size of the court. Every time that Capt. "Ted" Smith blew the whistle for a foul there was a foul so that ends that little controversy. Let's give credit where it is due, and if any man in Smethport wants to get in the lime-light why just take the little whistle some night and try your luck at being a referee, that will convince you just what a task it is to referee. Now for the player's part of the game Mr. Rowe playing as a side partner to Robert Hull, in no doubt played each other a swell game, fouls being very few called on either man; then Malcolm and Engstrom against each other in a manner that was indicated to be fair in every respect; L. Hull and Thompson had a lively tilt as did Denning and Josephson, while Kohn and McDermott made things hum with their work. "Spark" Kohn could catch them all napping, dodging under their arms and hitting the floor with a slide—some acrobatic stunts that did not appear on the program. He was taught the basketball game while living down in Shefficld, Pa. It is the wish of the people that these two teams meet again.

The score and line-up is as follows:

Bucktails 23	FG	FP	T'l
Rowe, rf	2	0	4
Engstrom, c	2	0	4
McDermott, lf	3	0	6
Thompson, rg	1	0	2
Denning, lg	1	5	7
Total	9	5	23

Cupids 28	FG	FP	T'l
Robert Hull, rf	2	1	5
L. Hull, lf	3	3	10
Malcolm, c	2	0	4
Kohn, rg	1	0	2
Josephson, lg	4	0	8
Total	24	4	28

Referee—"Ted" Smith. Scorer—Dehning. Timers—Munn and Fay.

We would like to have it generally known that in a basket ball game played between Glens Falls and Albany, N. Y., team last Thursday night that the fouls committed on Albany were 26 and on Glens Falls 24, for the benefit of the numerous fans and players that participate in the game in this section. It is pretty generally known that the most of the games played here and elsewhere that by a strict referee in charge of the game the people and players alike have made the statement that by calling only part of the fouls committeed, the game was being slowed up which is most assuredly a big mistake. If this were true why were the rules made to read so, and men who are playing the game in Albany getting $500 a month for playing with an average attendance of 1,000 a night. There was never a game played in this section but what the men playing were always playing the man instead of the ball making a body contact unavoidable by this method. Play the ball always..

The Smethport High School Girls journeyed to Bradford last Friday night and met defeat at the hands of the Bradford High School Girls by a score of 45 to 1. Keep playing an dpracticing and you will get results and do not get discouraged girls. Many a better team than you have tasted defeat and many times too.

Chicago is after teams for big tourney to be held in that city March 10, 11 and 12 and is the third annual Interscholastic Basket Ball tournament at the University of Chicago. Teams from all sections of the country will compete, making the tournament national in character. Besides the individual team trophies which will be awarded to

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Movies for the following week:

Monday, Feb. 28th
Alice Brady, in
"THE WHIRLPOOL"
PATHE NEWS

Tuesday, March 1st
W. S. Hart, in
"THE MONEY CORRAL"
TOPICS OF DAY

Wednesday, March 2nd
Frank Mayo, in
"THE MARRIAGE FIT"

Thursday, March 3rd
Elsie Ferguson, in
"THE MARRIAGE PRICE"
Friday, March 4th

Saturday, March 5th
NAZIMOVA, in
"BILLIONS"
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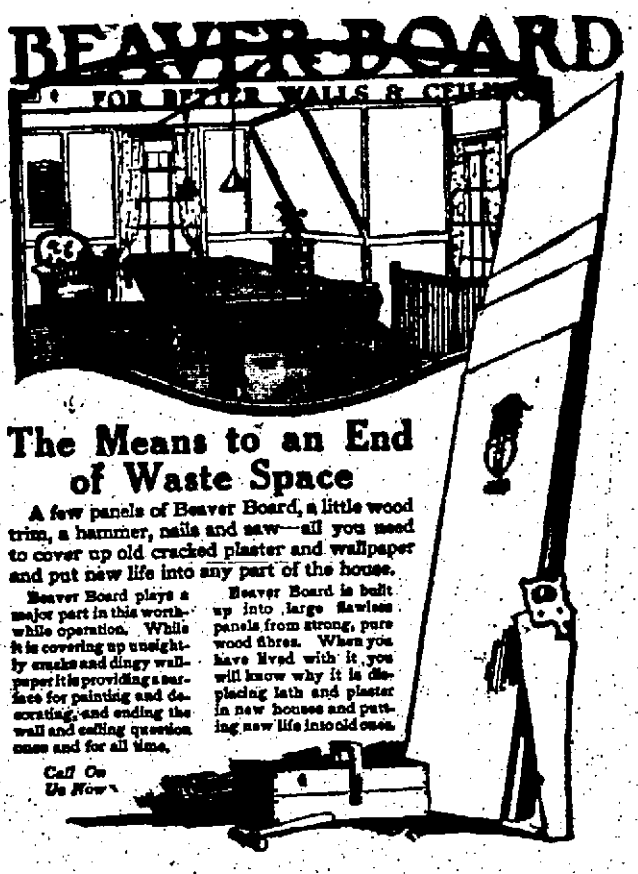

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Bandit Chas. Riley's Wish to Die is Gratified

Bichloride of Mercury Poisoning Has Snuffed Out Two Young Lives.

MRS. CHARLES RILEY.

Picture of the Woman taken Day of Arrest

Late Mrs. Grace Riley Posed for Photograph Taken by Member of Star-Record Staff, Just Outside of Police Headquarters.

The picture of Mrs. Grace Riley, printed in the Star-Record, was taken the day of her arrest following the hold-up, by a member of the staff of The Star-Record. Mrs. Riley was agreeable to pose for the picture and the chief very kindly had her step outside the police headquarters so as to get a better light. Mrs. Riley did not take well to the photograph idea, but was willing to comply with the wishes of the one holding the camera.

This fact is printed mostly to give the readers the correct idea, as there are some who think that the cut was made from an old photograph. As it was, the picture was taken at about the only time it would have been possible, as the next day she took the deadly poison. The picture shows that the light at the time was very bad for a good clear photograph.

Just two weeks from the day, the Bradford Era says, that he held up Frank DeLuca's meat market on Webster street, in company with his wife, the late Mrs. Grace Riley, and one week from the day that Mrs. Riley died at the Bradford hospital, as the result of taking bichloride of mercury tablets, Charles Riley, escaped convict and bold bandit, who for two weeks has put over some melodramatic stunts in this city and kept the citizenry agog from day to day, passed into the great beyond yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, at the Bradford hospital, as briefly announced in the Star-Record last evening.

Riley died from bichloride of mercury poisoning self-administered. Rather than serve several years in prison and rather than go on living without Grace Riley, the escaped convict decided to take the matter into his own hands and end it all. According to the story told the police by the late Mrs. Grace Riley, the bandit had made the statement to her that he would never go back to Auburn prison, that he would never be taken alive and he evidently meant every word of that assertion, for after his wife died he wrote a letter (later found in his pocket) saying that he could not live without his wife, and took the deadly poison on Friday afternoon, February 11. He then visited Koch's undertaking rooms, looked upon the face of his dead wife but one moment and gave himself up to the police right in the undertaking rooms, making the announcement that he had taken poison.

For six days he laid at the Bradford hospital, suffering untold agony as the poison ate its way through his system. He told a police officer while he lay at the hospital that he wished to die; that he could not live without his dead wife, and his wish has been fulfilled. Death has cheated the law of its due, for Riley will never serve his sentence. He has gone before a higher court.

Charles Riley wished to die, and he faced death quietly and calmly. He was conscious up until almost the last minute of his life. With him when he died was his brother, Joseph J. Riley, of Bradford. The latter stated Saturday to the Star-Record that he believed from statements made by his dying brother that he had repented his many acts which caused the tragic happenings of the last two weeks, and probably others before. Charles Riley was attended during his illness by a Catholic priest who administered the last rites of the Catholic church.

Death has ended a varied and checkered career. That Riley had criminal instincts has been proved by the hold-up in this city and his hold-up effected near Belmont, N. Y., for which he was sentenced to serve a term in Auburn prison; also other robberies. That he had little or no conscience was demonstrated when he married Grace Riley while having a wife still living. It is probably due to the fact that she learned in his city for the first time that her husband was married to another woman that caused Grace Riley to take her own life in the police station an hour or two after having heard the news.

Mrs. Riley was taken before Alderman Williams for a hearing and upon returning to the police station, she told Chief of Police Howe that she had heard at the hearing that her husband was married. That the news came as a great shock to her was quite evident for she showed great mental suffering and it was following this incident that she swallowed tablets of bichloride of mercury, either securing them from a bottle in her traveling bag, where the bottle was kept, or from her handkerchief, as several of the same kind of tablets were found later tied in the corner of her handkerchief.

Grace Riley had the whole-hearted sympathy of nearly all Bradford people. Those who did not sympathize could easily be called hardhearted. Without probably any early teaching, and extremely poor, without a father, the girl had worked out from early childhood. She had none of the sweet home life that so many are favored with and little of the good teachings with which so many are blessed. She was no doubt easily led and influenced by her husband, whom she loved, and when she found that he had deceived her, the blow was too great, and, thinking that the future held nothing at all for her, she committed self-destruction.

That the public was extremely interested in her case was readily demonstrated by the hundreds of telephone calls received at the hospital and at this office, all inquiries as to her condition. Another proof of great interest was the good sized fund raised for her burial.

Grace Riley claimed to the police that she and her husband were hungry and that the latter could not obtain work; that they had pawned their clothes in order that they might obtain food. It is also said that Mrs. Riley asked her husband not to come t oBradford, but he did and as a result she lies under the snow in Oak Hill cemetery and he will soon be laid away in St. Bernard's cemetery.

Charles Riley was a native of Bradford, having been born in this city on May 1, 1899. From all accounts of his boyhood it would seem that he made a good start. A teacher in whose charge he was in the Fifth ward school, told a Star-Record representative that he never gave any trouble in school by being meddlesome or by bad behaviour; that the only complaint she had to make was the fact that he "played hookey" every once in a while. When he stayed out of school the truant officer would round him up and get him back to his school room, and he would cause no more trouble in this way for some time, then he suddenly would stay out again. His teacher described him as being quiet and reserved when a lad. It is said that he quit school in about the sixth grade.

CHARLES RILEY

The lad then went to work at the Lorenc bakery on Main street, where he served as helper to the proprietor and delivery boy. Mr. Lorenc says that he was a good boy while in his employ, that he was faithful and honest. He later became employed at the Herbig bakery where, according to Mr. Herbig, he worked diligently giving good service. From that bakery he went to J. H. Glass' bakery, giving the same kind of service. Later he went to Shinglehouse to work in a glass factory, and it was then that he married Miss Marion Ford of that place. Some time later he returned to Bradford and told Mr. Glass that he had no work and had a wife and had to pay board where he lived. He evidently kept on the jump, if the two weeks of Bradford experience with him is any sample. He probably decided at the last that he had got into a tangle from which it would be most difficult to extricate himself; that he was of no use to himself or anyone. Thus ends the series of the most unusual events of the past two weeks in this city. There remains only the burial service for the dead which will accompany the placing of his body in its last resting place.

The late Charles Riley is survived by his wife, Marion Riley, and a two-year-old daughter, Geraldine Marie, who lives in Shinglehouse; his father Thomas Riley, of Bradford; four brothers, Joseph Riley of this city, John Riley of Cleveland, Albert Riley, of Bradford, and George Riley, who recently left this city; and three sisters, Mrs. R. Williamson of Elyria, Ohio, and Mrs. George DuBois and Mrs. James Farrell, both of Bradford.

Riley Happenings in Just Two Weeks.

Hold-up at DeLuca market by Rileys at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, February 3.

Mrs. Grace Riley took poison at police station at 4:45 p. m., Friday, February 4.

Riley made daring visit to hospital to see dying wife, Monday evening, February 8.

Mrs. Grace Riley died at hospital at 10:15 a. m. Thursday, February 10.

Riley took poison, then looked at wife's dead body, and gave himself up, Friday evening, February 11.

Wife No. 1 came from Shinglehouse to watch beside husband's bedside at hospital Saturday evening, February 12.

Charles Riley died Thursday, February 17 at 3:15 p. m. at hospital.

HUNDRED MILLION MORE GIVEN FOR GOOD ROADS

Calls for Expenditure of Like Amount by all States During Fiscal Year 1922.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Federal aid to the states in the construction of good roads is to be continued at maximum speed.

This was decided when the House by a vote of 278 to 58 passed the bill providing for a further appropriation of $100,000,000 to be expended for this purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922.

Representative Sells, of Tennessee, chairman of the committee of roads, in support of the measure, had this to say:

"In reporting this measure the committee does not assume that it solves the question or that the plan it submits is ideal. We have thought it best to provide for a continuance of the work during the next fiscal year, leaving to a later Congress any changes in the system which circumstances may render necessary.

"To defer action at this session of Congress would be dangerous, and might defeat all road construction in many of the states, where further legislative action is necessary to enable them to become beneficiaries under the existing system. The legislatures of probably two-thirds of the states are in session now, and until Congress decides this question none of them can act intelligently or provide adaquately for a continuing program.

"The benefits accruing are not so much the actual aid rendered as the stimulus afforded to the various states and their subdivisions to provide for themselves the funds necessary to secure national aid. The first appropriation made by Congress in 1916 for this purpose was $75,000,000, followed by another in 1919 for $200,000,000, or a total of $27',000,000. And yet in 1919 alone so great was the incentive of the national road act that the states themselves provided an aggregate fund of $400,000,000, followed by an expenditure of probably $500,000,000 in 1920. During the nearly five years since these appropriations were first available more than 10,000 miles of public roads have either been constructed or let to contract, on what the Federal Government has expended or agreed to expend approximately $150,000,000, or an average of about $7,000 per mile.

Opponents of this measure will no doubt emphasize the fact that there still remains in the Treasury $117,000,000 unexpended and unlotted, and seek to show that a further appropriation at this time is unnecessary.

First Aid Raid.

Five zealous Hollywood Boy Scouts have suffered a shock. They noticed, while on their way to camp, a man apparently endeavoring to entice away two little girls who were crying bitterly. Promptly they surrounded him, threw him to the ground, and bound him hand and foot with ropes. Three scouts remained to guard him and the others went for the police. On returning they made the bitter discovery that not only had their victim escaped, but that he was an inoffensive father who had been taking his unwilling children home to bed."—Los Angeles Times.

Burden of Riches.

Those who envy the rich should read what William Henry Vanderbilt said, shortly before his death: "The care of $200,000,000 is too great a load for any brains or back to bear; it is enough to kill a man. There is no pleasure to be got out of it as an offset—no good of any kind. I have no real gratification or enjoyment of any sort more than my neighbor, who is worth only half a million. So when I lay down the heavy responsibility, I want my sons to divide it and share the worry which it will cost to keep it."

"I Shall Not Pass This Way Again."

Efforts to identify the author of this much-quoted quotation have failed. It has been attributed to Stephen Grillet, an American Quaker of French birth (1773-1855); R. W. Emerson, Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon; Sir Roland Hill (1744-1833); Marcus Aurelius; Miss A. B. Hageman, Addison, Thomas Carlyle and others. And it is also said that the germ of it is to be found in the writings of a Chinese philosopher. There seems to be some authority in favor of Grillet being the author, but the passage does not occur in any of his printed works.

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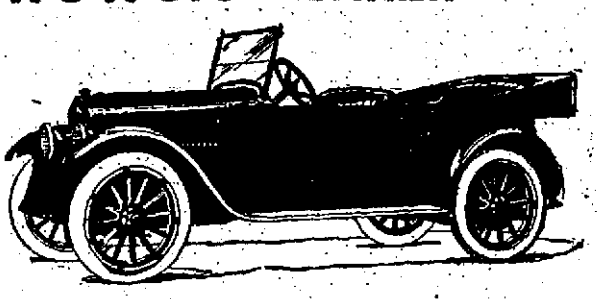

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NEWS OF THE SECTION

and Exchange Clippings

HOME BREW RESPONSIBLE

The Elk County Gazette says: Somebody sent the editor of the Poketown Gazette a few bottles of home brew. The same day he received for publication a wedding announcement and a notice of an auction sale. Here are the results:

"Wm. Smith and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm one mile east of a beautiful cluster of roses on her breast and two white calves, before a background of farm implements too numerous to mention, in the presence of about seventy guests, including two milk cows, six miles and one bob-sled. Rev. Jackson tied the nuptial knot with 20 feet of hay and the bridal couple left on one good John Deere gang plow for an extended trip with terms to suit purchasers. They will be at home at their friends with one good baby buggy and a few kitchen utensils after ten months from date of sale to responsible parties and some 50 chickens."

DEATH ENDED LONG TERM

Woman Died in Prison Where She Had Spent Forty-Two Years

Refused pardons, Despite confession exonerating her on charges for which she had been sentenced.

Sarah Wyckoff, 76 years old, died in the state prison at Raleigh, N. C., after 42 years' imprisonment, during which she five times declined a pardon at the hands of as many governors, and after she had lived to learn that a death-bed confession had exonerated her.

Forty-two years ago she entered the prison to serve a life term as the convicted accomplice in the murder of her husband, Wesley Wyckoff, in the mountains of North Carolina. The convicted principal, a negro, was hanged.

Three years ago from the mountains came word that a death-bed confession had absolved the woman of connection with the tragedy. Then for the fifth time she refused a pardon, explaining that she was being treated well, that time had shattered all her relations with her family, and that she preferred to spend her last days amid familiar surroundings in the prison.—Williamsport Grit.

BLAZE DESTROYS BRADFORD HOME

Bradford, Feb. 14.—The home at No. 32 South Center street of M. C. Conroe, well known Civil War veteran, was practically destroyed last evening by a fire which also consumed the contents of the house, including even the veteran's crutches. The blaze is believed to have started from an overheated wood stove in the kitchen. An alarm was turned in about 9:20 o'clock. The firemen responded promptly, but the flames already had gained much headway in the small building.

Mr. Conroe, the owner and sole occupant of the dwelling, escaped without injury. In his fight, however, the veteran, who is partially crippled, lost his crutches. He was taken to the home of a neighbor.

TROUT PLACED IN STREAMS

Coudersport, Pa., Feb. 18.—Twenty-five cans of three to five inch speckled trout arrived here today from the state fisheries for restocking Potter county trout streams. This is the second consignment this season.

QUARREL ENDS IN STABBING

Olean, Feb. 18.—Harry Dean, a negro, stabbed Arthur Jones, another negro, in a quarrel in Stowell street early this morning. Jones was taken to the Olean General hospital. His wound is not serious. Dean, who was arrested, admitted the stabbing. He said Jones had attacked him.

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NEW CASTLE, PA.

KANE'S STREETS TO BE ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED FOR THE FIRST TIME

Work of stringing wires and placing brackets and lamps for Kane's new electric system of street lighting is proceeding satisfactorily and at the present time two sectors—those serving portions of the South Side and West Side—are complete. It is said that all but about 25 new lamps are in place. Expectations now are that the work will be completed and the current turned on about the middle of March.

Since entering into an agreement with the electric company a number of lights have been authorized by council which were not included in the original contract. It is said that these number ten, and provide for the illumination of sections of streets in residential districts where lights are sorely needed.

The work of installing the system is being done by a force of 20 electricians. All material is on hand and there seems no reason to doubt the assertion of F. S. Lawrence, manager of the Electric Light Company to the effect that the system will be complete and ready for use by the middle of March.—[Kane Republican.

BULLET HITS YOUNG MAN IN THE CHIN

Morris Hildebrand is a patient at the hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the chin inflicted when a gun in the hands of Carl Lanning was accidentally discharged early Saturday morning. The wound is not serious and it is understood the young man will be able to leave the hospital within a few days if no complications develop.

It is said Lanning, Hildebrand and Martin Bloomquist were occupying a woods shanty near Kane. According to their story they were shooting at rats, when a bullet fired by Lanning glanced and found lodging in Hildebrand's chin. They brought the injured youth to Kane Summit hospital, arriving here about 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

Whether the boys give the true details of the affair is questioned by many. Not all persons are ready to believe that three boys would be up at 3 o'clock shooting at rats in a woods shanty, usually supposed to be free of rats and mice. It is possible that an investigation of the affair will be made by the authorities.

CONFUSE IDENTITY OF BELGIUM GIRL SUICIDE

Paris, Feb. 18.—It was Louise Tellier, a nurse, and not Louise Thuller, a Belgian school teacher and war heroine, who committed suicide by swallowing rat poison at her home near Mons Friday, says a Havas dispatch from Lille. Mademoiselle Tellier, who was asociated with Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed by the Germans in 1915, killed herself after she had been summoned to appear before a magistrate investigating espionage to Belgium during the war. It was alleged she denounced a number of co-workers to the Germans, and many of them were put to death by the German forces.

The similarity of the names of the two women misled newspapers here and the suicide was given great prominence. The Havas dispatch states that Mademoiselle Thulier resides in Lille, and that she is mugh distressed by the erroneous report.

HIGH-BRED COWS GET TEHIR OWN DRINKING CUPS

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 20.—The "individual drinking cup" has been provided for the cows of blooded stock at the Laurytown Almshouse of the middle coal field poor district.

Directors at their meeting decided that each cow must have its own drinking fountain to prevent the spread of tuberculosis among the cattle. During the summer and early fall high-priced cows had to be killed on account of infection, which veterinarians claimed was due to the use of one trough.

MORE DEER FOR GLEN HAZEL

Three more deer for the state game preserve at Glen Hazel were taken through here last week from Clearfield county.

Eighteen deer, five bucks and thirteen does have been liberated within the past few days by Game Warden J. A. Seifert, in the Glen Hazel preserve.—Ridgway Gazette.

WHISKEY SEIZED, TWO BUFFALO MEN HELD

Warren, Pa., Police Believe Prisoners Represent Liquor Ring Operated Here.

Two Buffalo men are under arrest in Warren, Pa., and the police are trying to trace members of an alleged liquor traffic ring, said to be operating in that section with Buffalo as headquarters. A big touring car and 16 case sof what is said to be Scotch whiskey, valued at $1000, also were seized. The men gave their names as Edward Lindsley and John Rief. The raid was conducted by W. W. Muir, Sheriff of Warren county, and M. R. Wholeben, chief of police of Warren.

Suspicion against the men who registered at the Carver House, Warren, a week ago, was created when they gave a quart of whiskey to a mortorist who pulled their car out of a mudhole. The police called on Dr. E. H. Barnhart, a dentist, to secure evidence. Dr. Barnhart bought a bottle of Seagram's Canadian whiskey for $10, notified the police and the raid was staged. The men were arrested after their automobile was found in a garage in the west end of town.

When arraigned before Justice of Peace Blackman at Warren the men pleaded not guilty and were held under $1000 bail for the grand jury, on a charge of selling liquor without a license. District Attorney Eddy refused to state how far the investigation will go. It has been known illegal traffic in whisky has been in existence in Warren for some time.

The Buffalo police do not know of Lindsley and Reif, but it is assured these are fictitious names. They do not appear in Buffalo directories.

BROTHERS SAY OLEAN MAN WAS MURDERED

Demand Reopening of Investigation Into daeth of John Sherwood.

Olean, Feb. 20.—Brothers of John Sherwood, who was found dead in his rooms here Sunday night, believe he was murdered and have demanded that the police reopen the investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

The two brothers, William and Edward Sherwood, who came to this city from Angelica following John Sherwood's death, say the man had $500 in his possession. The money has not been found.

Police Chief Dempsey says he does not take the murder theory seriously. The door of Sherwood's room was locked on the inside, and the reports of the coroner and physicians give asphyxiation as the cause of the death.

A careful search of Sherwood's room was made, but only a small amount of money was found.

CLEO QUINN IS GUILTY, SAYS JURY

Erie, Feb. 20.—A verdict of "guilty" as returned against Cleo Quinn, negress, in whose house at 15 West 17th street Fred F. Moran was shot to death January 16. The Quinn woman was charged with having pointed a revolver at Motorcycle Officer Edward Brewer. The charges grew out of his attempts to get information from her regarding the shooting of Moran.

A recommendation for mercy from the court accompanied the verdict. The verdict was returned at 11:45 o'clock last night after the jury had been out 11hours and 45 minutes. The verdict was handed to Judge Hirt who had visted the court house to receive it. Cleo Quinn was not present at the reading, but was informed of the outcome in her cell in county jail.

The Quinn woman will probably be sentenced within the next few days. Legal authorities say that the punishment involved in the verdict would be from one to three years' imprisonment.—[Kane Republican.

CAUGHT A WILD CAT

Leslie and Ned Johnson, aged 13 and 11, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Johnson, of Wilcox, caught a wildcat in a spring trap near their home. The cat weighed 12 pounds. When the boys went to examine their traps they found the catamount still alive and very angry. Leslie, the older boy, dispatched him immediately with a .22 calibre rifle he was carrying. The youthful trapers proudly carried their trophy to their home.—Ridgway Gazette.

BIG DAY IN MT. JEWETT

Bishop Berry to Officiate at Important Service.

Mt. Jewett, Pa., Feb.20.—(Special)—Sunday will be a red letter day in the history of the First Methodist Episcopal church here. Bishop Berry of Philadelphia, will preside over the services which will be in the nature of rededication of the edifice following extensive repairs. The pastor, Rev. D. O. May has issued the following notice for publication.

After the First Methodist Episcopal church of Mt. Jewett has undergone extensive repairs, in the way of putting basement under entire building, and other repairs, it was reopened Sunday, February 20th.

Bishop Joseph F. Berry of Philadelphia had charge. Services were both in the morning and evening.

INTERNATIONAL CASE

Local Intterest in Tragedy at Vladivistok

Local interest in the case of Lieutenant Langdon, the American naval officer who was recently shot by a Japanese sentinel at Vladivostok, probably will be augmented by knowledge of the fact that the dead officer was a friend of Lieutenant Commander John McAlpin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Archie McAlpin of this city.

Dr. McAlpin recently received a letter from his son, commenting on the tragedy. Lieut. Commander McAlpin was greatly shocked and grieved by the killing of Lieut. Langdon who had been a friend and shipmate of his. For about a month, the two officers had seats side by side at the same officers' mess.

Lieut. Commander McAlpin is now stationed at San Francisco.

Lieut. Commander McAlpin was a Smethport resident for a number of years.—[Bradford Era.

CROSBY

Crosby, Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Marsh called on Mrs. Jennie Stewart Sunday.

Mr. William Mitchell of Smethport will conduct the Home Talent play which will be given by the Crosby Band, sometime in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kilcoin returned to their home in Allegany Monday.

Mr. Earl Grinolds and Merle Wilcox of Betula were to the Valentine party in the Parish House Monday evening.

The people of Crosby was shocked to hear of the death of Miss Nettie Howard of Tulsa, Okla. Her remains will be brought to Smethport for burial and laid to rest beside her mother who preceded her some years ago.

The Crosby teachers' Misses Inez Hyatt, Velma Wilcox, Lois Stratton and Mildred Wilcox attended the Teachers' Institute in Smethport Saturday.

Mr. Milford Marsh was in Olean Wednesday.

Mr. Leonard Lathrope was an Olean visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. Hannah White is caring for Mrs. Jennie Stewart who is quite ill

Mr. and Mrs. Llewelyn Freer were in Smethport, Monday.

Miss Inez Hyatt, principal of Crosby High School spent the week-end in Smethport.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pixley of East Aurora, are visiting relatives in this place.

Earl Metzger of Smethport, was a Crosby visitor this week.

Miss Lois Stratton spent the week-end at her home in East Smethport.

Mrs. Albert Cleveland of Smethport spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Miss Florence Smith is spending a few days visiting frends in Hazlehurst.

Mr. J. Dillon was a Smethport caller Saturday last.

Miss Helen Bond of Kushequn, who has been spending some time visiting friends in this place has returned to her home.

Mr. Rchard Curran of Smethport spent the week-end at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. F. McKelrnan.

Mrs. George Smith was called to Falls Creek this week on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Silvis.

Mr. M. F. McKelrnan was a business visitor in Olean this week.

Don't miss the big dance at Crosby Friday, February 25th. Eight-piece

Mrs. Martin Doubles has been spending a few days visiting relatives in Hazlehurst.

Mrs. Harold Lahagan of Erie, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hendrickson.

orchestra of Olean — Fitzgerald's with two of their celebrated comedians will furnish music.

Miss Nina Corbett of Raulette spent the week here visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Smith was visiting friends in Cleveland this week.

Mrs. Frank Mattison and son Leon of Olean are visiting friends and relatives in town.

FARMERS VALLEY

Farmers Valley, Feb. 21. —Mrs. Bert Oviatt spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Freer at Crosby.

Mrs. Bert Richmond was a Portville visitor Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Derby Friday. They will meet with Mrs. Fred Deigel March 3rd.

Harry Grover was a Warren visitor Thursday.

Wilma Smith was in Olean on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawley and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Decker.

Mrs. Thomas was in Eldred on business Monday.

Mrs. Edward McCoy of Smethport was seen on our streets Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Renova are spending a few days with Mrs. Derby.

Archie Austin of Coleaville has moved on the J. J. Smith estate.

Mrs. Hanna White of Smethport spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Oviatt.

Lois Stratton of Crosby was a pleasant caller in town Saturday.

LARRABEE

Larrabee, Feb. 21.—Rev. Dwight Benton of Port Allegany celebrated the Divine iLturgy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Thursday at 10 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Verna Lemon are guests of relatives in Buffalo.

Raymond Raszmann was an Olean visitor Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Olive Dunn and grandson, Edgar Dunn of Coryville spent Saturday with Mrs. Forrest Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Haynes and children of Satrwell visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Haynes Sunday.

F. B. Grantier, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Raszmann and her children of Crosby were

Sunday guests of Mrs. Henry Raszmann and family.

Mrs. F. A. Moore of Eldred was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Eros Carpenter, Saturday.

Progress Never Ceases.

The tree of life from primordial cells up to mammals shows intelligence ever widening up to man, declares a writer in the Minneapolis Journal. The human tribe and clan have foregleams of their organization in the social life of bees and ants. All animals are somewhere on the road to progress. Some stop at one point and some at another. But the higher animals retaining plastic power are but a little behind the lowest type of man. The separating line seems to be that man in some stage of his career becomes self-conscious and reaches abstract conceptions. Many animals clearly display elements of conscious life that reach a more complete manifestation in man.

Spiders That Fish.

It has been thought a wonderful thing that a dog has caught fish, but more wonderful as a fisherman is a spider that is found in South Africa. It measures four inches across with legs stretched out. It places itself at the edge of the water with two of its legs on a pebble or stone and the other legs spread out on the water. As the spider sits motionless, a fish comes swimming along under the spider's outstretched legs, which are then suddenly thrust down into the water, closed around the fish, and the spider makes a downward plunge, driving its fangs into it. At once the spider climbs out on its pebble or stone and devours the fish.

Millionth of a Second.

A chronoscope is employed when experimenting with high-power explosives used in guns, which registers the velocity of the projectile at sixteen successive points before it leaves the bore. It is possible with this apparatus to register time to the millionth of a second. In the older experiments, where the velocity did not exceed 1,600 or 1,600 feet per second this projectile recorded its time by knocking down a series of steel triggers projecting into the bore. But with velocities of several thousand feet per second the trigger, instead of dropping, frequently plowed a groove in the projectile, and this new device became necessary.

NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Geo. W. Irons, late of Smethport, McKean County, Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above entitled estate having been duly granted by the Register of Wills of McKean County to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having legal claims against said estate are requested to present same to the undersigned without delay.

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the teams finishing first or second the title of national interdcholastic basket ball champions will go to the winners.

Smethport 30; Coudersport 19.

The Smethport High School team met and defeated the Coudersport High School basket ball team last Friday night at the Lyceum. The report of the people hwo witnessed the game is that it was a good fast contest with lots of speed in it. For Smethport Curran, Gallup, and Hamilton did the scoring and for Coudersport Stager, Mosier and Kelly showed up the best. The Miner is unable to handle more of the game this week.

Eldred 46; Buffalo Hewitts 33.

The Eldred Spartans met and defeated the Buffalo Hewitts on the home court last Saturday night by the score mentioned. It was a fast game and well played. Rhode and Faust of the once famous Germans of Buffalo were in the line-up for the Hewitts. Their experience helped the team wonderfully, but the could not stem the tide, Faust is now 45 years old while Rhode is 42. The Lincolns play in Eldred this coming Saturday night February 26th.

The Cupids played a bunch of basket ball players from Bradford last Monday night at the Lyceum defeating them very easy. The score was Cupids 40 and Bradford Theatre Five of Bradford 30. The game was one of the cleanest games that has ever been witnessed on a local court. If the aggregation from Bradford could of forced the playing a little more, it would have been better for the Cupids. The best game was played by Eric Josephson, he securing 8 field baskets. Bobbie Hull, Louie Hull, Malcom, "Spark" Kohn played the game well.

High School Notes

A band has been organized and the members are busy practicing after school. A great number of pupils who used to stay after school hurry home now. We don't blame them much, as the sounds range from the squeekiest squeek to the roar of a lion.

Mr. Bright is endeavoring to enforce the law prohibiting smoking by minors. A trying job! By stopping smoking, chewing began! !

A number of girls continually sing, "I want someone to flirt with me." Would someone kindly come to the rescue. We're sure that Miss Dunkel never dreamed of such after-effects.

Somebody needs to learn a few more dates. Not the accustomed kind. How about it, Aletha?

Bill Cramer, beware of a nervous breakdown! Studying hard has such awful effects.

It's nice to be able to come up on the 11 o'clock. How about it Iva?

Would Gladys Nourse Washtub?

Last Tuesday morning in chapel Prof. Bright reminded us that it was George Washington's birthday. Everyone gasped and thought he was going to give us a half holiday. No such luck.

This week the faculty is giving us some dear little monthly examinations. We are thankful they are not final's and that they only last about 40 minutes.

February 14, the football team had their banquet at the Grand Central. Fourteen fellows received their letters "S" this year. It is planned to make the banquet an annual affair. Mr. W. M. Hess, physical director at Bradford High School gave a pleasing and interesting talk.

The High School basket ball team is looking forward to a three-game trip the second week of March. Games have been arranged with Sheffield and Ludlow and the third game remains to be scheduled. This coming Friday night the boys play Sheffield High School at the Lyceum.

The Passing Breeze.

Gee kids Dick the Freshman Vamp is getting very popular with the young gals. He got kicked out of room C, yesterday for making love with Miss Cliva Parker.

Here are some of the examples used in Rhetoric by Mr. Bright's smartest pupils in the correct use of words:

She was a good culinary, Harold Peeler. The chiffonier was full of dirty clothes, Albert Johnson.

What are the five seasons?

Ans—Mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Question—What is a cauliflower?

Ans—A cabbage with a college education.

Bill—Dick translate—Rex fugit.

Dick—The king flees.

Bill—Now translate the Pluperperfect.

Dick—The king has flees.

I found a peach 12 inches in circumference. That's nothing, we know of several larger than that. For instance Martha E.

Can you Imagine?

Aletha Jones without a giggle.

Edith Andrews without a wiggle.

Leola Anderson without gum,

Emily McCoy being dumb.

Gerald Denning without that smile.

Leonard Johnson as a dude,

His innocent brother being rude.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER AT PORT ALLEGANY

The Civil Service examination for postmaster to fill the vacancy held by John Shea of Eldred, Pa., will be held in Port Allegany on March 16, 1920. They announce a competitive examination for postmaster to be held on the date mentioned above, as a result of which the position of the postmaster at Eldred, Pa., will be filled.

This is not an examination under the civil service act and rules but is held under an executive order of March 31, 1917. No person who has passed his 65th birthday will be eligible to try this examination nor any person who has not reached his 21st birthday, also he must actually reside within the delivery of the office for which the aplication is made, and must have been such resident at the time present vacancy occurred. Applicant must submit to the examiner on the day of the examination their photographs, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission cards sent them after their applications are filed. Tintypes or proofs will not be accepted.

All persons who meet the requirements and desire this examination should apply at once to U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. for form 2241.

An act of Congress approved July 11, 1919, provides:

"That hereafter in making appointments to clerical and other positions in the executive branch of the Government in the District of Columbia, or elsewhere preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines and widows of such, and to the wives of injured soldiers, sailors and marines who themselves are not qualified, but whose wives are qualified to hold such positions." If you are entitled to the benefit of this act you should attach to your application, and submit with it your original discharge, a photosat copy, or a certified copy thereof, or the official record of your service. It will be returned to you after inspection by the commission.

FOUND DEAD IN ROOM HE HID IN SIX YEARS

New York, Feb. 20.—In a tenement room on the East Side police explored an improvised cave where they found the body of Theodore Greesley, once prosperous business man, who had hidden himself there for six years, a veritable hermit in the most congested part of the world's largest city. Today's search was for the gold cache usually associated with stories of recluses.

Breaking the door of the room the police were confronted with a solid wall of old papers and rags. Burrowing through, they found a dugout and in it the body of Greesley who, physicians said, apparently had been dead several weeks.

In Greesley's diary was found a story of misfortune—his ambitions, the coming of the time when he opened a shop—how it subsequently was lost in debt—the death of his wife, the abandonment of hope—and solitude.

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